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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, EG, IS, LE
SUBJ: SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP

1. IN CONNECTION WITH SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE THURSDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 10, FOR EGYPT AND THEN ISRAEL, WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED AT NOON WASHINGTON TIME TODAY, YOU SHOULD PASS FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT FRANGIE AND TO SCOTES IN DAMASCUS FOR PASSING TO PRESIDENT ASSAD.

2. BEGIN TEXT: SECRETARY KISSINGER WANTS YOU TO KNOW THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED HIM TO VISIT EGYPT AND ISRAEL TO ASSIST THE PARTIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE QUESTION OF SEPARATION AND DISENGAGE-MENT OF FORCES CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED IN GENEVA. THE SECRETARY IS HOPEFUL THAT THERE WILL BE AGREEMENT ON THIS QUESTION AT AN EARLY DATE, WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE AN IMPORTANT INITIAL STEP IN THE PEACE-MAKING PROCESS TO WHICH WE ARE COMMITTED TO GIVE OUR FULL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE. THE SECRETARY WANTS YOU TO KNOW THAT HE REMAINS FULLY AWARE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN THE OVERALL BROAD OBJECTIVES OF THE GENEVA
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CONFERENCE AND THAT HE WANTS TO REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU AS WE APPROACH SUBSEQUENT PHASES. END TEXT.

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3. SCOTES SHOULD ADD FOLLOWING TO MESSAGE CONVEYED TO ASSAD: THE SECRETARY REAFFIRMS THAT, IF THE EGYPTIAN/ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT TALKS REACH A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION, HE IS PREPARED TO TRY TO BE HELPFUL IN THE SAME SENSE TO SYRIA. KISSINGER

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